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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

The signal service issues the following predictions: For lower Michigan—slightly warmer; southerly winds and fair; continued warm and fair Monday.

## WOMEN HAVE SOULS.

Persia is excited over the appearance of a new sect which antagonizes the teachings of the time-honored Koran. A prophet has arisen who declares that nothing in nature is impure, and that there is a place where the wicked receive punishment at the end of life, and that women have souls and are equal in some respects to men. The prophet has spread his new teachings among the people, and one of his converts, a daughter of a priest, extremely pretty of face and graceful of figure, has espoused the cause with zeal. Enslaving the example of Annie Wittenmyer she has become an evangelist and travels from place to place preaching the new doctrine to the benighted followers of Mahomet. It is said that sometimes while preaching her veil is brushed aside, revealing features of classical loveliness, and that at such times the susceptible Mussulman fall down before her and embrace—the new religion. Her relatives tried to prevent her preaching, but in the interest of piety they were quietly assassinated. The sect at first was inclined to wink at the new movement, and its fair prophetess, but she later discovered signs of disloyalty and has taken measures to block its further progress. Not accomplishing her purpose at the outset he issued orders that the new sectarians be arrested and that the most influential of them be put to death. These were first asked to renounce their new faith, but declined to do so. Then they were tortured in true Persian style, but the witchery of the new prophetess held them firm in the faith she taught and they died the death of martyrs. The sect is not dismayed by these indignities, but continues to grow in numbers. It may be the beginning of the evangelization of Persia to the religion of the Bible.

## NEW STATES.

Four territories are seeking admission to the union, namely Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma. Utah has been denied statehood on account of her tolerance of polygamy and until this evil shall be either modified so as to be less offensive to the moral conceptions of the people, or prohibited and prevented entirely, she will not move into the galaxy of stars now ornamenting the national colors. New Mexico is entitled to admission both because she is populous enough and because her boundless resources bring her into the foreground as one of the wealthiest divisions of the country. Eighteen years ago an application was made for admission in her behalf but it was denied by congress and since then no determined efforts have been made. One of the chief reasons why statehood was denied was because the population was largely composed of greasers and border ruffians whose fitness to administer the affairs of a state was seriously questioned. Today, however, the population is quickened by an inoculation of eastern enterprise and intelligence. Arizona presents few features entitling her to a place in the column of states. The territory is sparsely settled and save for a few places where nature has caressed the valleys and clothed the hills in green, the topography and physical contour of the country is rough and broken by rocky mountain ranges or spread out in arid deserts of shifting sands where only the cacti and soap-cactus thrive. Mineral wealth is present but the herdsman and mountaineer find existence precarious. Oklahoma contains about 40,000 persons. It did contain more and is likely to contain less. It asks to be admitted not so much because it is entitled to admission as that its inhabitants are immigrants from other states who chafe under the restraints and crude methods of territorial government. In time all four will be invested with statehood and the only remaining territories will be Alaska and the Indian reservation. The house has already passed a bill to admit Arizona and New Mexico, but the action was inspired by statesmanship rather than patriotism.

## WILL'S CLAIMS.

Without doubt the regular delegation from New York to the Chicago convention, if permitted to take its seat, will cast its vote as a unit for David B. Hill. There is no just and sufficient reason why it should not be admitted and suffered to vote in pursuance of its wishes and its instructions. The Cleveland leaders boast that they can nominate their idol without the vote of New York, and common justice and sense would prompt them to do it regardless of the Hill squad. The ambition of Hill to be nominated is quite as ridiculous as the abortive boom of Mower for the vice presidency. He is known only as a shrewd and unscrupulous self-seeking politician. He has the ability to act as president of the United States, but unfortunately it requires little of mental acumen to discharge the duties of that high office. He has never been identified with any public question or movement as a statesman, but has several times

posed as "I am a democrat" in obstructing the execution of wholesome laws, in corrupting the judiciary of his state, and notably in demanding an enumeration of the inhabitants of New York, in order to obtain the constitutional license to gerrymander the legislative districts. Were he by accident to be nominated, the greatest claim he could urge for the support of his party is that he at one time was both senator for and governor of the Empire State at the same time. The claim that he alone can carry New York is not tenable. To be sure he was elected governor two or three times by the regular party majorities, but Cleveland was elected by a phenomenal majority, defeating Judge Folger, one of the truest and best men that ever lived. It is uncertain that Hill would do as well as Grover in the presidential race. At any rate the democrats have the choice of two evils and if they shall follow the scriptural admonition, Hill will remain undisturbed in the senate. He ought to be given a voice, however, just to show him how really insignificant he is.

## THEY KODE.

It was noticeable yesterday that the mayor and common council rode in carriages in the procession, but the policemen walked. The mayor should have shown as great respect for the valiant officers as he did for the veterans and walked too. Yesterday's parade was purely a spectacular affair; the parade of the veterans was a sentimental demonstration of affection for their fallen comrades. Evidently the mayor and common council are willing to spend the taxpayers money to show themselves in a brilliant spectacle but shrink from spending it as a mark of respect to the veterans. There is but one way for the mayor and council to square themselves and be consistent, and that is in paying for yesterday's ride out of their own funds. In fact the mayor is committed to such a course by his own declaration, made when it was decided not to hire carriages for the Memorial day parade. The mayor must be commended for sincerity, but his pycnane policy in such cases will be commended by surprisingly few.

## THEATER NEEDED.

Yesterday's destruction of Powers' Opera house leaves Grand Rapids without a first class place of amusement. There is here no stage for the better class of theatrical attractions. If Mr. Powers does not rebuild, and it is possible that he will not, although he says he will, the investment is one that will at once attract the attention of men of capital. Grand Rapids is a city of nearly 100,000 inhabitants, and a first class theater property with all modern improvements, pleasant and attractive decorations, and devices for comfort and ease, would pay handsomely. In the larger cities theaters of recent construction are located in business blocks, on the ground floor, and pay enormous revenues. A syndicate office building, with a cozy, comfortable theater, would be both practical and profitable. The theatergoers have long craved such a theater. The building of one is now an imperative necessity and excavations should be made at once. Who will build it?

Without attempting to verify the truth of its charges, a local weekly newspaper declared that Mayor Pingree was a foe to organized labor. The workmen and trades unionists of Detroit read the article and forthwith, without solicitation, prepared a card and sent it to the editor for publication in which the article was declared to be an outrage. It further states that Mr. Pingree is a warm friend to the workmen and protects unionism whenever called upon to do so.

Yesterday's parade of the police and fire departments was a very fine picture. The policemen marched with precision and made a fine appearance. The fire apparatus was polished to a perfect brightness and the heart of every citizen must have beat with pride on viewing the magnificent line as it passed through the streets of the city it protects from fire and lawlessness.

Free traders will be able to extract very little consolation from the republican platform. It is outspoken in its declaration of principles favorable to the homes and workshops of Americans, and in this respect will be radically different from the platitudes which will be adopted at Chicago.

Everybody seems to have settled down, satisfied that the republican nominations were the best that could have been made. The anxiety of the week has been succeeded by the calm assurance that the present administration will be continued for another term.

The fire department distinguished itself twice yesterday, once on dress parade and once by subduing an unusually ugly fire. Organizations that can work as well as they can parade are exceedingly rare, and the Grand Rapids fire department is one of them.

All it needed to clear the atmosphere and establish settled weather was the nomination of the republican ticket.

JAMES G. BLAINE may be terribly disappointed by his defeat, but he certainly has too much manhood to sulk over it.

Several "dark" horses still retain their typical complexions.

Yours Uncle Benjamin is pretty well, thank you.

The Schuberts do not appear in public enough. It seems, judging from the exultation of their work last Thursday evening, that they could give a series of concerts during the winter months with profit to themselves as well as pleasure to the numerous patrons of music in this city.

Jim Travis' circus at the lake ought to catch all the pleasure seekers.

## NO MONEY IN IT

Marked Decline in the Liquor Trade.

## LICENSE AND LOCAL OPTION

Together With the Difficulty of Procuring Bondsmen are the Chief Causes of Decline.

The head of one of the largest and oldest wholesale liquor houses in Michigan gave the following account of the present status of the business and the causes of its decline:

"The wholesale business is growing to a certain extent, just as the country grows, though local option is having its effect in some counties. I know this, for our trade covers all Michigan and runs out to Grand Rapids. When we first started in business, twenty-five years ago, the state had a prohibitory law, but liquor was sold freely and without fear. What the business will be one year from now it is impossible to say. Already five Michigan counties have prohibited and by next May possibly fifteen counties will have local option. It will no doubt carry in every county where it is submitted.

"There is no satisfaction in selling under cover. A sale of liquor in a prohibition county is a losing business. Our house has had the same number of men on the road for years, and the only way we can increase our business is by extending our territory.

"Not many imported goods are sold now. There are not more than a dozen places in Michigan where imported brandies, gins, sherries and champagnes are sold over the bar. They are handled only by the very few. The California brandies and Kentucky whiskeys are of course the peer of any imported goods, and they cost from \$2 to \$3 a gallon.

"Although business has been about stationary for some years competition is harder. The business is done largely on the confidence that the jobber has in the retailer. But I will venture to say that there are no more saloons in Grand Rapids than there were ten years ago.

## Injured by High Licenses.

"High license is what has hurt the city business, and in the country the difficulty in obtaining bonds has in some villages driven out the saloon entirely. You take a village of perhaps 1,200 population and there would be more than two or three men who are competent to sign a bond in any sum between \$3,000 and \$5,000. And it is generally the latter figure, for the supervisors are not slow to bring it up to the highest notch. Even when there are men wealthy enough to go on so large a bond they are likely to be unwilling to do it from prohibition scruples. Some times a tender of \$50 or \$100 makes a wonderful change in their ideas. There are some cases where a man would pay almost any sum to get a license, and sometimes a dealer receives assistance from the jobber or brewer in the shape of a loan for thirty, sixty or ninety days so that the license can be paid. But it is a mistaken notion that brewers ever start a man in business. Another point is that it is not high license that has hurt the business, but the difficulty in obtaining bondsmen.

"There are eight wholesale houses in this city and I do not believe any of them consider the situation very encouraging and it is owing mostly to local option, which means a great deal to two years ago. The market for liquor is not so good as it was. It is only a question of time when the business will be entirely knocked out in the rural districts and smaller towns. The judges grow more severe in their findings every year and public sentiment, too, is bearing hard upon us."

## STRONGLY COMMEMORATED.

The nominations made at Minneapolis by the republican national convention are a prelude of victory for the republican party at the polls in November. The fact now appears so plainly that no republican can doubt it, that the nomination of Benjamin Harrison for president was the best course that could have been pursued at Minneapolis. While some decided opinions opposed to this conclusion were entertained—and honestly entertained—prior to the decision of the convention, now the question has been asked and the answer is final and fully. It is now the duty, and will be the pleasure of every loyal republican to do his utmost to insure the triumph of election of Harrison and Reid. Every consideration, not only of party loyalty but of the American people, demands the hearty co-operation of all republicans in the accomplishment of this result. The administration of President Harrison furnishes its own best and sufficient vindication. It has been clean, conservative and able. It has been an administration as has commended itself not alone to the republican party, but to the American people—or at least to an overwhelming majority of the American people, without reference to political preferences. The substantial interests of the country will be satisfied with the verdict of the convention, for it signifies a four years' continuance of the wise policies and liberal methods that have made the administration of President Harrison a period in our national history which will long be remembered as one of unusual prosperity. The magnificent vote in the convention which insured the re-nomination of President Harrison upon the first ballot, is at once an endorsement of his administration and a reflex of the prevailing sentiment of the republican party. It was but natural that strong personal preferences should manifest themselves among the delegates, prior to the actual balloting; but when the results of the balloting were made known, all doubt as to the relative strength of candidates was set at rest. Mr. Harrison was shown to be the overwhelming choice of the convention. As such—aside from all other considerations—he is entitled to, and will receive the undivided support of the party, from ocean to ocean and from Canada to the gulf. The friendly rivalries of the convention will not extend beyond the corporate limits of Minnesota. The sanguine hopes of the democratic party, that the seeds of permanent discord would be sown, will not be realized. The verdict of the convention will be ratified by the republican party at large, in the campaign upon which we are just entering, and by the people at the polls in November. The name and the magnificent statesmanship of James G. Blaine are actively enshrined in the hearts of the people. Neither political mutations nor the wiles of loggishness of superior class

change history or rob him of his laurels. It would have been a splendid and fitting close of his brilliant career could he have been placed at the head of the greatest and best government on earth, but he himself desired otherwise. He refused the crown, and has chosen rather the quiet and peace of private citizenship, to which his long public service has so fully entitled him. His place in history is secure. In the nomination of Whiteley Reid for the vice presidency the convention made a wise and admirable choice. Mr. Reid is a man of intellect, of character, and of conscience. He is one of the most widely known men in the nation, by virtue in part of his native abilities, and in part of his connection, as manager, with one of the leading newspapers of the nation. Mr. Reid can carry the state of New York—and with New York safely in the republican columns, republican success at the November election is assured. The Eagle heartily and unreservedly commends the action of the republican national convention and pledges the utmost of its endeavors to secure the success of the ticket at the polls in November.—Eagle.

## MEMORIAL ADDRESS.

Services by the Odd Fellows at St. Mark's Church.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the Rev. A. E. Wells will deliver a memorial address in St. Mark's church to the Odd Fellows of this city, the Rev. Campbell Fair having kindly tendered the use of the church for the occasion. The service will be a meeting arranged for 3 o'clock owing to the church being in use at that hour the time has been changed to 4 o'clock. It is expected that all the Odd Fellow lodges in the city will turn out. The headquarters will be at Odd Fellows hall, corner of Michigan and Second streets, where the Odd Fellows will meet in their respective lodges at 2:30. There will probably be over five hundred Odd Fellows in line. The column, headed by Canton Pierce No. 24, Patriarchs Militant as escort, will move from Campus square, in front of Odd Fellows hall, to St. Mark's church. A general invitation is extended to all Odd Fellows in the city to fall in line.

## OLD RESIDENTS.

Preparations Being Made for a Picnic. Committee Appointed.

About twenty members of the Old Residents' association of the Grand Rapids valley held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the city hall to take the initial steps for the annual picnic of the association. In the absence of Dr. Shepard, president of the association, Vice President P. V. Fox presided. A committee consisting of J. A. Ramsey, W. D. Telford, C. W. Calkins, Adrian Johnson, Reuben Smith and C. B. Stone of Lowell, and L. L. Jensen of Jenison, was appointed to select the time and place for holding the picnic and to make all other arrangements. This committee will meet on the fourth floor of the city hall on Monday at 2 p. m. to begin its work.

## One of 'Em Wrote This, Sure.

Sweet girl graduates are now in bloom and the dreary old school rooms are perfumed with rose and fragrant flowers. Musty, dog-eared volumes of learned lore are being closed forever by fairy fingers, and to be viewed again by the bright and charming eyes that have poured over their dry and peddling contents for many a weary hour. Girls are speaking a little Latin and less Greek for the last time, and the tiresome drudgery of school routine is soon to be a thing of the past. Commencement day is at hand and the graduates are happy. They welcome with relief the holiday and the recreation rooms of colleges and schools will shortly be deserted and left alone in undisturbed repose for a couple of months.—Cedar Springs Clipper.

## Will Give a Recital.

Prof. Rudolph A. Wellenstein has been engaged by the Treble Clef club of Allegan to give a piano forte recital in that city Monday evening, June 20. His selections will be from Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt, and the lovers of this city have been trying to get Mr. Wellenstein to give a similar recital here and he has partially decided to do so.

## It Would Shake.

John L. Sullivan is drawing the color line stronger than ever since Peter Jackson broke Blaine's jaw. Think of the disgrace if the negro's good left should land with a sickening crash upon the lower maxillary of Beauville's big brute. How the continent would shake with laughter.—Lansing Republican.

## Valley City Social Club.

The Valley City Social Club will give its last ball of the season Thursday evening, in Macomber hall, No. 6 Pearl street. The arrangement committee consists of W. Coon, E. S. Ayers and H. Haasank. A fine silver prize will be given to the lady and gentleman holding the lucky numbers.

## Not for Small Heads.

The people of Indiana should not be held responsible for the windy utterances of Rhody Shiel at Minneapolis. Representative citizens of the state are not noted for the size of their mouths or the girth of their stomachs.—Fort Wayne Gazette.

## Gave Them Points.

Dr. Faribault is out of town, but the police of New York seem to have no difficulty now in finding places to raid.—Brooklyn Standard.

## CITY PRESS COMMENT.

The republican party has done the wisest and best thing for itself and, throwing partisanship aside, a good thing for the country in re-nominating Mr. Harrison. With the great section of the American people which abhors the principles of Mr. Harrison's party, the democratic enters upon the work of defeating the president's re-election with a full recognition and appreciation of the length of the opposition as embodied in the action of the Minneapolis convention.—Democrat.

The platform adopted at Minneapolis is a stalwart reaffirmation of republican principles from the first "plank" to the last. It is an admirable platform, upon which every true republican can stand with good conscience and with sincere and enthusiastic approval. The platform and the people at the coming election.—Eagle.

The nomination of Whiteley Reid for the vice presidency is a deserved recognition of a man who is entitled to good things of his party, and of a promoter of a country and a leader in the distribution of honors and emoluments.—Leader.

This quarrel over pensions at the Soldiers' home has been placed for settlement where it belongs—in the courts. The decision made there will be the end of the trouble, whichever side wins.—Press.

## NAGS THAT CAN FLY

Speedy Colts Entered in the July Races.

## WILL MAKE MONBARS HUSTLE

The Wonderful 3-Year-Old Will Not Have Everything His Own Way in the Free-for-All.

There are not many of them to be sure, but what flyers they are. Not one of them but is famous.

And the best of it is they all will be here and start when the last strains of the band have died away on the afternoon of July 4.

"Why," said one horseman yesterday, "the entries for the colt stakes are the pick of the best youngsters in the United States. There's Gift O'Neer, 2:24, who holds the champion 2-year-old record for Michigan and whose tour through the east was a triumphal progress. There's a good many horsemen who are not a bit afraid that Monbars will run away with the 3-year-old colt stakes, though Sanilbury offers to back Monbars against Arion 2:14, for \$5,000. Quickstep is another great Michigan horse that will be here. He comes of the royal blood of Louis Napoleon and Pilot Medium, and in the 2-year-old races at Lexington last fall he showed all the great blue grass bonanzas that they never dreamed of. Bell Flower, the \$5,000 electioneer filly and sister to S. C. Bell and Bell Boy, whom it took \$55,000 to get, will also be here. Dignar is another promising animal, having already shown quarters in a 2:20 this year, so that it is quite evident that it will be no walk away for Monbars. Hamlin will send eastern 2-year-olds, the fastest named a phenomenal California colt and is coming without a record, but he has already trotted quarters in 3:36.

Races at Latonia.  
 LATONIA, June 11.—Today's races: First race, selling, three-quarters of a mile—Alary won, Peribaise second, Heron third; time, 1:53.  
 Second race, selling, one-half furlong—Yale '91 won, Dollie Mack second, W. B. three; time, 1:48.  
 Third race, seven-eighths of a mile—Palestine won, Major Tom second, Bashforth third; time, 1:28.  
 Fourth race, Latonia Oaks, one furlong—Green won, Green second, Green with second, Miss Dixie third; time, 2:04.  
 Fifth race, five-eighths mile—Too Quick won, Plutus second, Fay S third; time, 1:02.  
 Sixth race, selling, three-fourths mile—Ford won, although second, Tenney Junior third; time, 1:18.

## YALE BEATS PRINCETON.

Results of Other Base Ball Games Played Yesterday.

PRINCETON, N. J., June 11.—Fully 6,000 people witnessed the ball game here today between Yale and Princeton. Among the spectators were a large number of the fair sex, a few wearing the colors of Yale. The town and college buildings presented a gay and animated appearance. There were several hundred alumni in the town, and there were making things hum with old time enthusiasm. All wore badges and the number of their classes and walked around wrapped in orange and black. During the progress of the game much enthusiasm was manifested, and the play of either side were greeted with the wildest yells. The story of the game is a short one. Princeton was out-played and two costly errors by Brown gave the game to Yale. Before the game the general opinion had been that Princeton was going to win a good deal of money had been placed on the result. Consequently the Princeton boys are feeling pretty blue to a bit. Princeton had two marcos on the ground, a large dog artistically arrayed in a pair of orange and black trousers, and a monkey gotten up with orange and black ribbons without number. Up to the seventh inning, when the score stood even, appearances favored Princeton, but in the seventh and eighth innings the team walked off the field the players of the inter-collegiate championship.

## Princeton's Score.

Princeton 5 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1  
 Yale 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## Boston's Score.

Boston 4 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Cincinnati 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## Washington's Score.

Washington 4 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 St. Louis 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## Baltimore's Score.

Baltimore 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Louisville 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## Philadelphia's Score.

Philadelphia 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Pittsburgh 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## New York's Score.

New York 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Cleveland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## Brooklyn's Score.

Brooklyn 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Chicago 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## Great Foot Race at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURGH, June 11.—The greatest three mile foot race ever run in this vicinity was contested this afternoon at Recreation park, between Pete Priddy of Pittsburg and Mike J. Kennedy of Chicago. The race was for \$250 a side in addition to which the winner was to receive 75 per cent of the gate receipts and the loser 25 per cent, and 800 people were present. After running about 100 yards of the set lap Kennedy stumbled and fell. Priddy skinned his speed and trotted

home the winner in 15:43. Score by miles: First mile, 4:47; second, 10:35; third mile, 15:43.

## LITERARY CLUB NOTES.

The Annual Election Held and Reports Made.

There was a full attendance at the Ladies' Literary club rooms, it being the last meeting before adjourning for the summer. A short program was furnished by the science and education committee. The first article was a short paper on "Wood Engraving," illustrated by engraved blocks with their impressions on paper. An interesting paper on "Midsummer in the North," was written by Mrs. Loring of Chicago and read by one of the members. This was followed by an article on "Roses"—the legends and myths in relation to the rose—followed by practical remarks on the culture of roses.

Being the annual meeting the report of the treasurer, Miss E. S. Clapp, was read, showing that the total receipts for the year were \$1,408.97; expenses, \$1,152.61; leaving a balance of \$256.36. The report followed the report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Enos Putman, and as she was absent it was read by Mrs. Edward Watson.

The report reviewed many of the events of the past year and related the effect that the convention programs caused at the time of the Women's congress had in stimulating other similar societies.

An interesting report of the Henry Memorial fund was submitted, followed by the address of the president, Mrs. J. C. Whelan. Mrs. Whelan reviewed the society's condition during the past year and the work it had done. Comprehensive illustrations of the effect that the work has had on the ideas and opinions of the members were given. Mrs. Whelan exerted the society to continued efforts in the work it had undertaken. At the conclusion of the reports the club proceeded to an election of candidates having been nominated last week. The result is appended: President, Mrs. L. P. Rowland; vice president, Mrs. M. R. Bassell; recording secretary, Miss Eunice Coffinberry; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. E. Thompson; treasurer, Miss E. S. Clapp; first director, Miss Frances Pierce; second director, Mrs. Daniel McCoy; third director, Mrs. J. C. Herker.

The agenda of the afternoon were: Mrs. C. E. Allyn, Rockford, Ill.; Miss Scott, Adrian; Miss Wilson, Napan, Miss; Mrs. Barnes, Kalamazoo; Mrs. Lee Middleville, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Kuttelback, Alma; and Mrs. Murry.

The Girls' High School League, consisting of members from Miss Gordon's and Miss James' rooms, held its weekly meeting last Wednesday from 2:45 till 4 o'clock. Most of the members belonging to the club were present, besides many visitors. The following program arranged by the executive committee was rendered:

Address, Miss Gordon; song, "When Bright the Sabbath Morning," club; recitation, "The Price of a Drink," Kate Kirkbride; violin solo, Grace Kohlbepp; reading, "The Schoolboy's Apple," Nora Sharr; duet, "When Summer Yields to Autumn," Maggie Thompson and Adah Pugh; recitation, "The Pilot," Jennie Leonard; duet, "The Pilot," Jennie Leonard and Adah Pugh; recitation, "The Best Cow in Peril," Florence Hall; song, "Now as the Sun is Declining," club; recitation, Anna Keeler; duet, "Angel Footsteps," Jennie Leonard and Ebel Williams; recitation, "The Inland Sea," club.

## South End Literary.

"Aluminum," "Something About Mines," readings, music and conversation furnished a program of unusual interest at the last meeting. Several articles made of the light metal were handed about. A pleasant surprise was given the members by W. J. Waller, who presented a handsome ballot box to the club. A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Waller for his kindness. The program for next week will be in charge of Mrs. Carl Hester and Miss Eva Smith.

## Call for a Conference.

To the Women of Michigan:  
 All women who favor the reform principles which are agitating the country today are earnestly requested to meet at Meach's hall, Lansing, June 18, 1892, for the purpose of effecting if possible a federation of all orders designed to advance by any means our present social and political systems and to clearly define a plan of work.

## President N. W. A. of Michigan.

The Cutting Power of Rivers.

We frequently see statements and estimates of the amount of sand and mud that is annually carried into the ocean by the great rivers of the world. No one who has seen a suddenly formed rain torrent cut a deep channel in a roadway can doubt the power of water to wear away the features of the globe. In fact it has been estimated that in about 6,000 years, if the present rate of denudation be continued, the whole surface of the earth will be smoothed out to one general level.

But while it is easy to see how a river and its tributaries can rapidly cut their way through ordinary soil and sand, it is more difficult to conceive the remarkable effects produced by water which runs over a bed of solid rock.

The Colorado river, for instance, flowing between lofty walls of rock and upon a rocky bottom, is still deepening its channel.

The explanation of the cutting power of the water of the Colorado lies, as the Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, the geologist, has pointed out, in the fact that the river, with sand, brought to it in great quantities by its tributaries. This sand being swept down the steep gradients of the river wears away the rocky bed as emery dust wears stone.

This nature assists nature on all sides, and the sand that from wind and water have formed out of the exposed rock of the mountains becomes, in turn, an instrument for channeling and wearing away the better protected rock of the valleys beneath.—Youth's Companion.

## Edible Seafood.

Many varieties of seaweed furnish a wholesome and palatable food for man and are used by the poorer classes along the shores of northern Europe, while others are reckoned a luxury by the rich. One edible kind is called "Irish bog moss," while from another are formed the birds' nests, which are considered such a delicacy by the Chinese, the best being sold for nearly three times as much as the common seaweed. The seaweed is a greenish-brown in color, which renders it unsuitable for a palatable food before employing it for building.—Interview in Washington Star.

## FOR A BETTER WAY

The Real Estate Dealers of the City Agree

## UPON A PLAN OF ACTION

Their Organization Succeeds in Establishing a Uniform Scale of Commission.

The most notable feature of the real estate interests of this city for the week just closed was the organization on Tuesday evening last of the Grand Rapids Real Estate Dealers' association. The plan of the organization is to bring together the real estate dealers of the city into an organization which shall perform the function of establishing a uniform rate of exchange and the establishment of a uniform dealer's contract. The meeting was an adjourned one of the meeting which took place the evening before. It was held in the office of Tuttle Bros., and was attended by some twenty-five of the leading dealers of the city. The officers elected were: President, William H. Anderson; vice president, L. S. Proven; secretary, Wallace Tuttle; treasurer, A. L. Page. The articles of organization provided for regular monthly meetings at present. In the future it is hoped that suitable quarters will be found, where daily meetings may be had and the full functions of a real estate exchange be enacted.

## Supplies a Want.

The organization may truthfully be said to supply a long felt want. The increasing importance of the daily list of real estate transactions and the attendant variances of charges made by firms having no common interest demand a uniform contract and fixed rate of commission, both in justice to themselves and to the public. The present organization is a survey of the elements of harmony in the trade, insure a reasonable compensation to the dealers and shield the customer from extortion. It has long been the desire of many of the leading dealers to effect just such an organization as this and then it is received with special favor.

Chairman Danton of the committee on permanent location is making an active canvass of available apartments suitable for holding the meetings of the organization.

The first meeting was attended by twenty-five of the leading dealers of the city, twenty-one of whom became charter members. Since that time the membership has increased to forty with seven applicants for election.

## JIM TRAVIS' CIRCUS.

Drew Large Crowds at the Lake Yesterday.

Jim Travis is giving a good old fashioned circus at the lake with one ring and the conventional clown, who has jokes for the ladies and little folks and topical songs